



Icklesham Church of England Primary School and Nursery



What a fantastic first week of term! The school and nursery are once again buzzing with energy and excitement. It has been lovely to visit all the classes to see the children so engaged in their learning. I am pleased to report Autumn term data shows our children making great progress towards their targets too. We had an inspiring Inset Day where we looked at the Therapeutic Approach and a new project called Amazing Me! More on that to come. Today we had the last of our Open Days for new Reception parents which is always a special time for us, starting our journey with new families. If your child is due to start Reception in September the deadline for applications is 15th January. Thank you all for making sure the children are well rested and ready for the term ahead. Have a wonderful weekend! Mrs. Robinson.

Congratulations to Miss Turner and Miss Tiltman our kitchen staff who have achieved a food hygiene rating of 5 out of 5 in a recent visit.

Ocean Class Welcome back! Our focus this term is on fairytales where each week we will focus on a different classic story. This week we have focused on Jack and the Beanstalk and the children have loved using their imagination to act out the story using props and through sensory activities. We have also looked at the changes in the weather and how this affects the world around us. Have a lovely weekend everyone and stay warm!

Beach Class This week in Beach Class we have started our fairytales topic by looking at Cinderella. We have been using story props to help us retell the story. We will be continuing Cinderella next week while also exploring Kings, Queens and castles. We have also started our next phase of phonics learning, starting with the digraphs/trigraphs ai, ee, igh, oa. Well done to our 'Let Your Light Shine' award winners this week, **Ava** for excellent contributions during our circle times and PSHE and **Hudson SK** for excellent progress in his communication and interaction skills in his play and learning.

Woodland Class Woodland class has had an amazing start back after Christmas. They are super keen to learn and they have remembered all of our learning from last term. We have been looking at 2-D and 3-D shapes in maths, whilst learning about the vocabulary- sides and vertices. In writing, we have been developing our sentence structures and began to write about our Geography topic this term- London. In art, the children explored the different ways we can make art, and in DT we started to think about what materials we would use to build a house. The 'Let Your Light Shine' award goes to **Ethan** for showing excellence and progress in his reading, and to **Emma** for her incredible effort in her phonics lessons. Well done for an amazing first week back!

Rainforest Class It was a pleasure to welcome back all of Rainforest Class this week after the much-needed break. This week in maths we have started our learning about money where we have been practicing paying for items with coins and working out how much change we should receive. In writing, we have been focusing on adverbs and how we can enhance our writing to make it more imaginative. We compared and contrasted different rocks this week based on their properties. We have also started our geography topic, 'I wonder where the river will take me?', where we will be exploring how rivers are formed and shape the environment around them. This week's 'Let Your Light Shine' Awards go to **Ede** and **Felicity** for their continued perseverance in maths and brilliant demonstration in gymnastics respectively. Next week we will be starting our new Spanish topic on pets and PE topic of tag-rugby.

Eden Class Eden Class returned to school on Tuesday ready for the new term ahead and have thrown themselves into their new learning brilliantly. We welcome back Miss Kirkham, a second year teacher training student from Brighton University until the end of term. Our new Curious Curriculum theme for this term is all about Mexico and the Maya. We will be looking at how the ancient civilisation lived and their legacy and comparing this with modern day Mexico. This focus will include returning to our Spanish lessons and learning how to order food and drink in a Spanish speaking cafe. In DT the Mayan theme will continue with a challenge to recreate Chichen Itza in a variety of materials as we look at structures. In maths we will be beginning our SATS revision for year 6. In PE we will be preparing for the 'A time to Dance' performance in February and the upcoming netball tournament; letters will follow for those involved. A quick reminder that the deposits for PGL are due this month as we need to confirm numbers with PGL by the end of next week. If you have any queries about this, please ask Mrs Barry or myself. Lastly, this week's 'Let Your Light Shine' awards, awarded by Miss Standen go to **Dexter** and **Kyle** for their fantastic attitudes to learning this week. Well done to you both.

#WakeUpWednesday Ten practical and evidence-informed online safety tips to help adults guide children toward healthier and more informed digital habits. <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/essential-online-safety>

Well Done on a super week!



Dates for your diary

January

Thursday 22nd—Year 5/6 netball @ Sandown for those involved

February

Thursday 5th—Cluster football @ Hastings Academy for those involved

Monday 9th— Time to Dance at The White Rock for those involved

Friday 13th—Visit from Helena Dollimore

Friday 13th—PTFA Disco TBC

Friday 13th—End of term 3

Monday 23rd—Start of term 4

March

Thursday 5th—World Book Day

March Cont...

Wednesday 18th—Parents evening 1

Monday 23rd—Parents evening 2

Wednesday 25th—Parents Evening 3

Thursday 26th—PTFA Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 27th—Easter Service in church 9.30am

Friday 27th—Last day of term 4

Inset Days 2025—2026

Monday 1st June 2026

All INSET Days are now confirmed—please use this information to plan days out and holiday travel etc. to avoid absence in school time.

ESCC Term Dates

East Sussex Term Dates are available online at

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/education-learning/term-dates>